Raw water for Sonia Vihar Treatment Plant

†2794. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached to provide raw water for the Sonia Vihar Water Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when, raw water is likely to be provided for the said project; and

(d) whether this quantity of water would conform with the installed capacity of the project, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that it was informed in December, 1988 that Government of Uttar Pradesh has agreed to reserve 300 cusec of raw water in Tehri Dam storage for Delhi's water supply provided Delhi Administration agrees to share the cost of the Dam. The willingness of Government of NCT of Delhi of share the cost of the Dam was conveyed on 28.4.1989.

(c) and (d) The DJB has further informed that Tehri Dam Hydro Corporation has indicated that initial release of 30 cusec of water would start by mid December, 2005. The installed capacity of the Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant is 140 million gallons per day (mgd).

Financial assistance for development of infrastructure in Mumbai

2795. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sought more financial assistance from Government to develop needed infrastructure in Mumbai which has badly been ruined due to heavy unexpected monsoon rains;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the financial assistance sought during the year 2005 and the amount sanctioned/released till date; and

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to develop Mumbai to the required standard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Maharashtra sought financial assistance for upgradation of storm water drainage network in Mumbai under the proposed National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM) for select cities. The estimated cost of the project is stated to be Rs. 1200 crore.

NURM is yet to be approved by the Central Government. The proposal would be examined as per the guidelines that may be issued under the proposed NURM.

Rs. 36.33 crore has, however, been earmarked for development of urban infrastructure during 2005-06 for Mumbai Mega City under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities.

(c) Urban Development is a State subject. It is, therefore, for the State Government to take appropriate action. However, the State can avail Central assistance under National Urban Renewal Mission after the same is established for development of infrastructure in Mumbai.

Encroachment and subletting of Government quarters

2796. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special drive is being contemplated to ascertain the extent of unauthorized construction/encroachment of premises of Government quarters and subletting in Delhi, keeping in view the long waiting list for allotment of Government quarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when Government would launch such a drive to ascertain the wide spread unauthorized construction in Government quarters in Albert Square, Gole Market etc.;